

Amendment dated July 15, 2004

Reply to Office Action of April 19, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are in the application and are indicated as being allowable except for objections to the drawings and in the claims, as stated in the final Office Action.

In order to address the indicated defects in the application, claims 1 to 5 are hereby amended, first, by replacing the expression, "any one of pants, culottes, and skirts", with "an article of clothing" in the preambles of the respective claims; second, by deleting "it's" from lines 17 and 20 of claim 1, and, third, by deleting the expression, "sewing together", from line 18 of claim 1.

As a result of these amendments to the claims, it is submitted, first, that the objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) is overcome without need for additional illustrations since all of the claims are directed broadly to "an article of clothing having waist pockets", an example of which is illustrated in the drawings.

Otherwise, it is submitted that the objections to the claims stated in the Office Action have been duly overcome by elimination of the language found by the Examiner to be defective.

Finally, in order to provide antecedent support for the change made in the preambles of the respective claims, the specification is hereby amended to add, on page 1, line 7, the expression, "articles of clothing including".

By these amendments hereof, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and the same is respectfully requested.

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If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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